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This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 05/04/01 . The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31 . The drawings filed on are acceptable. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). a) All b) Some* c) None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been 1 received. 2 received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) 3 received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).						
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.						
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